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# PREFACE

It is indeed a great pleasure to compile the "National Award Winning Tamil Nadu Government Departments", an achievement made possible only under the able stewardship of our Hon'ble Chief Minister for the benefit of the stake-holders and the younger generation to keep them inspired and motivated towards establishing a society based on equity and social justice.

The Tamils are the chosen people and Tamil Nadu has been on the vanguard of carrying out a name for progress and development. The various wings of the Government contribute much towards this. The catalyst comes from the good governance of the State given by our dynamic leader Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchithalaivi Amma.

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# 1. AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

## Krishi Karman Award

- During 2011-2012, for a record production of 101.52 L.M.T. food grain, the State received **KRISHI KARMAN AWARD** from the Government of India on 15.01.2013. The award carries Rs. 2 crore, a trophy and a citation.
- Two farmers were awarded Rs.1 lakh each and certificates for their contribution to the State in production of food grains.
- During 2013-2014, for a record Production of 6.14 Lakh Metric Tonnes Pulses, the State received KRISHI KARMAN AWARD from the Government of India on 19.02.2015. The award carries Rs. 2 crore, a trophy and a citation.

## Agriculture Leadership Award

- The State received the **State Agriculture Leadership Award 2013** from the leading magazine, **Agriculture Today** for various new initiatives taken by the Government.

- The State was also conferred with the **Award for Agriculture (Best Big State)** by the popular magazine **India Today** at the nineth **"India Today State of the States Conclave, 2014"**.

## National e-Governance Gold Award

- During 2014-2015, for Incremental Farm Crop Management System, the State received **National e-Governance Gold Award** on 30.01.2015. The Award carries a citation, a trophy and a prize amount of Rs. 2 lakh.

# TAMIL NADU WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

## Best Practices Innovative Award

- The **Best Practices Innovative Award** was given to Tamil Nadu Watershed Development Agency on 19.02.2015 at New Delhi for implementing the system of "Online Management Information System (MIS)" for effectively monitoring the various developmental works carried out in the watersheds.

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# 2. CO-OPERATION, FOOD AND CONSUMER PROTECTION DEPARTMENT

## National Level Award for Best Co-operative Societies

- During 2011-2012, 1st Prize was given to Tamil Nadu State Apex Co-operative Bank, Chennai by the National Federation for State Co-operative Banks (NAFSCOB), Mumbai for All India Mutual Arrangement Scheme.
- During 2011-2012, 2nd Prize was given to Tamil Nadu State Apex Co-operative Bank, Chennai by the National Federation for State Co-operative Banks (NAFSCOB) Mumbai for Overall best performance at the National Level.
- During 2011-2012, 1st Prize was given to Tiruchirappalli District Central Co-operative Bank by the National Federation for State Co-operative Banks (NAFSCOB) Mumbai for Overall best performance at the National Level.
- During 2011-2012, 1st Prize was given to Thurinjipatti Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Society in Dharmapuri District by the National Federation for State Co-operative Banks (NAFSCOB), Mumbai for Overall best performance at the National Level.
- During 2013-2014, Federation's Trophy for Best performance in Deposit Mobilization was given to Tamil Nadu Co-operative State

Agriculture Rural Development Bank by the National Federation for State Co-operative Banks (NAFSCOB), Mumbai.

- The Tamil Nadu Co-operative Marketing Federation was chosen as one among the Best 10 Societies in India and was given the Best Society Award by the National Co-operative Union of India (NCUI) on 26.06.2013.
- The Pollachi Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Society, Pollachi was chosen as one among the Best 10 Societies in India and was given the Best Society Award by the National Co-operative Union of India (NCUI) on 26.06.2013.
- The Pattukottai Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Society, Pattukottai was chosen as one among the Best 10 Societies in India and was given the Best Society Award by the National Co-operative Union of India (NCUI) on 26.06.2013.
- The Udumalaipettai Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Society, Udumalaipettai was chosen as one among the Best 10 Societies in India and was given the Best Society Award by the National Co-operative Union of India (NCUI) on 26.06.2013.
- During 2013-2014, Best State in India Award was given to Tamil Nadu State Apex Co-operative Bank, Chennai by the National Federation for State Co-operative Banks (NAFSCOB), Mumbai for Best State Channelising Agency in India for issuing loans to Differently-abled persons.

## TAMIL NADU WAREHOUSING CORPORATION

- For the year 2013-2014, the Warehousing Development and Regulation Authority (WDRA) selected the following Tamil Nadu Warehousing Corporation Warehouses for awards at all India level.
- G. Balasundaram, Regional Manager, Kancheepuram of Arani Warehouse received 1st Prize of Rs.5,000/- (Shield with Certificate) from Warehousing Development and Regulation Authority (WDRA).
- P. Paramasivam, Warehouse Manager of Avinashi Warehouse received 2nd Prize of Rs.5,000/- (Shield with Certificate) from Warehousing Development and Regulation Authority (WDRA).
- L. Paramasivam, Warehouse Manager of Rajapalayam Warehouse received 3rd Prize of Rs.5,000/- (Shield with Certificate) from Warehousing Development and Regulation Authority (WDRA).
- The warehouses were selected based on the following yardsticks:

  i) Number and value of the NWRs issued by the Warehouse Managers during the year 2013-2014.

  ii) Amount of loan and number of Negotiable Warehouse Receipts financed by various banks.

  iii) Maximum quality of agricultural produce deposited by the farmers in the registered warehouses of Tamil Nadu Warehousing Corporation.
- The awards were given by Shri Ram Vilas Paswan, Hon'ble Minister, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India at New Delhi during the Foundation Day Function of the WDRA on 20.11.2014.

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# 3. ENERGY DEPARTMENT

★ ***Solar Thermal Award 2013-2014*** was given by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India for Maximum Solar Water Heater Installations among State Nodal Agencies during the year 2013-2014 (3rd Position).

★ ***Solar Thermal Award 2013*** was given by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India for Maximum Solar Water Heater Installations Percentage Increase in 2012-2013 among State Nodal Agencies (3rd Position).

- ***Best Performing State in Renewable Energy Addition Award*** was given by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on 15.02.2015 in the Renewable Energy Global Investors Meet for Highest Installed Capacity of 8,487 Megawatt in Renewable Energy Sector and adjudged the Best Performing State in Renewable Energy Addition.

- ***The Best Employer Award*** was given by Southern Region, (BOAT-SR), Government of India for outstanding engagement of more number of apprentices during the year 2013-2014 in Southern Region.

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# 4. HANDLOOMS, HANDICRAFTS, TEXTILES AND KHADI DEPARTMENT

- Co-optex won National Award for the **'Outstanding Contribution to Handlooms'**
- Co-optex won National Award for the **'Largest Producer of Handloom in India at Textile conclave 2013'**

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# 5. HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

## Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme

- e-India Award in the form of certificate for the year 2012 for the best use of IC and T in Health Insurance from the Government of Andhra Pradesh.
- e-India award in the form of certificate for the year 2013 for the best use of IC and T in Health Insurance from the Government of Andhra Pradesh.
- South Asia-E-health summit Award in the form of certificate for 2014 for Innovation in quality of service delivery from the ITC Post, Uttar Pradesh (Private Organization).

## Health Management Information System

- Finalist CSI–Nihilent e-Governance awards 2011-2012 received from CSI Nihilent, Hyderabad.
- Winner of 15th National e-Governance award-Gold 2011-2012 under the category of "Exemplary reuse of ICT based solutions" received from Government of India, at Bhubaneswar.
- South Asia Pacific Manthan Juror's Award for the year 2013 received from Digital Inclusion for Development, New Delhi.
- e-India award for the year 2013-2014 received from e-lets, Thiruvananthapuram.
- South Asia Pacific Manthan Special Mention Award for the year 2014 received from Digital Inclusion for Development, New Delhi.

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# 6. HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

## Tamil Nadu Science and Technology Centre

- Tamil Nadu Science and Technology Centre received the best INSPIRE Implementing Award on October 8, 2014 at New Delhi.
- Central Government Award (Indira Gandhi Award) received through National Service Scheme for the Academic Year 2011-2012 given to Dr.T.R.Jeyaraaj, Programme Co-ordinator, Annamalai

University, Chidambaram, Dr.M.Renuka, Programme Officer/ NSS Unit, PSGR Krishnammal College for Women, Coimbatore, A.J.Rufina Amreen, Volunteer, Cauvery College for Women, Annamalai Nagar, Tiruchirappalli and Aravinth G, Volunteer, SSM College of Arts & Science, Komarapalayam, Namakkal.

- For the year 2012-2013 the same was given to Dr.J.Sulaiman (Programme Officer/NSS Unit), NSS Programme Officer, New College, Chennai, V.Suvathi, Volunteer, PSGR Krishnammal College for Women, Coimbatore, V.Senthil, Volunteer, The Madura College, Madurai and R.Nanthakumar, Volunteer, Department of Bank Management, Alagappa University, Karaikudi.
- Recipients for the year 2013-2014 were D.Vijayalakshmi, NSS Programme Officer, University of Madras and Volunteers K.C.Ramya, Bharathiyar University & V.Gowthami, Bharathidasan University.

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# 7. INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT

## Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited (TNPL) International Award

### National Award

**2011-2012**

- **"Excellence in Water Management 2011"** from the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for the best performance in Water Management in India among the Industrial Sectors.

**2012-2013**

- **"IPMA Paper Mill of the Year Award"** for the year 2012 from the Indian Paper Manufacturers' Association (IPMA), New Delhi.
- **"Green Award 2012"** from the Government of Tamil Nadu in recognition of the various initiatives taken by the company to protect the environment-friendly technologies in the process.
- **"Excellent Energy Efficient Unit Award"** for the year 2012 from the Confederation of Indian Industry(CII).

**2013-2014**

- **"Dun & Bradstreet Corporate Awards 2014".** Dun and Bradstreet Information Services, Mumbai has selected TNPL as the Top Indian company under the sector of Paper.

- **"National Award for Excellence in Cost Management – 2013 First Award"** under the category of Private - Manufacturing Organization (Large) from the Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICAI)
- **'IPMA Paper Mill of the Year Award'** for the year 2014 from the Indian Paper Manufacturers' Association (IPMA), New Delhi.
- **"Environmental Best Practices Award 2013"** from the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

## State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu (SIPCOT)

- **Best Developer awards for the year 2011-2012** for Hi-Tech Special Economic Zones at Sriperumbudur and Oragadam from the Ministry of Commerce and Industries, Government of India.

## Department of Sugar (DoS)

- Received from the National Co-operative Sugar Mills Federation, New Delhi

### 2011-2012

- Kallakurichi – II Co-operative Sugar Mill - **Best Co-operative Sugar Mill Award**
- Thirupattur Co-operative Sugar Mill - **Cane Development Award** – I$^{st}$ Prize

- Dharmapuri District Co-operative Sugar Mill - **Cane Development Award** –2nd Prize
- Subramania Siva Co-operative Sugar Mill - **Financial Management** – Ist Prize.
- Salem Co-operative Sugar Mill - **Financial Management** – 2nd Prize.

**2012-2013**

- Kallakurichi – II Co-operative Sugar Mill - **Best Co-operative Sugar Mill Award**
- Subramania Siva Co-operative Sugar Mill - **Best Technical Efficiency Award** – 2nd Prize

**2014-2015**

- Kallakurichi – II Co-operative Sugar Mill - **Best Financial Management Award**

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# 8. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

## "Web Ratna" Award

- ✶ For the year 2012, the Tamil Nadu Government has won the **"Web Ratna Award"** for exemplary e-Governance initiatives and comprehensive web presence.

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# 9. MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES DEPARTMENT

- Tamil Nadu has emerged as "India's Best State for MSMEs" from a Nationwide Survey & Analysis of Small and Medium Enterprises in 2012-2013 conducted by India SME Forum.
- The India SME Forum (ISF) which is India's only non-profit, non-political, non-governmental and non-trade association and is India's largest SME initiative for enabling the SMEs to share best practices, addressing their concerns and rewarding success has conducted Survey & Analysis during 2012-2013. The above survey was conducted among 3,30,000 Small and Medium Enterprises. The survey focused on Regional and Nationwide Behavioural Information and Analysis of Innovation, Banking & Financing, Investing, Marketing, Branding, Technology Usage among Indian SMEs and Ease of Doing Business in INDIA.
- Based on the SME Forum's Survey & Analysis for the year 2012-2013, Tamil Nadu has emerged as "India's Best State for SMEs" from a Nationwide Survey and Analysis of Small and Medium Enterprises. **The award for India's Best State for MSMEs** was received on 11.07.2014 from Shri Kalraj Mishra, Hon'ble Union Minister for MSME, Government of India, by the Resident Commissioner, Tamil Nadu House, New Delhi.
- The award for India's Best State for MSMEs in 2012-2013 was handed over to the Hon'ble Chief Minister by the Minister for Rural Industries and Labour, on 27.08.2014.

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# 10. MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION AND WATER SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

## Government of India Award

★ Coimbatore Corporation received the **Energy Efficiency Award** from His Excellency the President of India for Energy Efficiency for the year 2013.

- Coimbatore Corporation received the **Solar/Green Building Award** from the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Delhi for Solar/Green Building for the year 2013.
- Coimbatore Corporation received the **7th National e-Governance Conference Award** from the Government of India for Team Leadership in implementing the e-Governance initiative for the year 2013.
- Coimbatore Corporation received the **7th National e-Governance Conference Award** from the Government of India for Team Leadership in Design, Development and Management of the Website for the year 2013.

## NATIONAL LEVEL (OTHER AGENCY)
## Government of Tamil Nadu Award

- Tiruchirappalli Corporation received the **Skotch Order of Merit Award 2014** for the creation of Green Park with Community participation by Skotch Group, New Delhi for the year 2014.
- Tiruchirappalli Corporation received the **Best Chief Ministers Award for Local Bodies** from the Government of India for overall Best Performance of Urban Local Bodies for the year 2014.

## Chennai Corporation

- Chennai Corporation received **Non-Motorist Transport in Chennai City Award** for Chennai Corporation is the best Corporation in India for their service rendered in Non-Motorised Transport in Chennai city. National award for Corporation of Chennai (Best City is Chennai City) from the Union Ministry of Urban and Rural Development, Govt. of India, New Delhi on 29.11.2014.
- Chennai Corporation received **Best Electoral Practices Award** for Best Electoral Practices and Performance in the 2014 Parliament Lok-Sabha Elections from the Election Commission of India, New Delhi on 25.01.2015.

## Water Leaders Award – 2015

- Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board was awarded the prestigious **"Water Leaders Award – 2015"** at the Global Water Awards Ceremony held on 27th April, 2015 at the Nasioutzik Museum, Athens, Greece. The award was given by Mr. Jose Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission (2004-2014) and Prime Minister of Portugal (2002-2004).
- The Water Leaders Award is the only non-profit Global Water Award which rewards exemplary performance & improvements in public water utilities in the developing world over the past year (2014). The Global Water Leaders group is a CEO level non-profit organization that brings together leaders from the water sector – Utility Directors, Water Ministers, Mayors, and Regulators to face world's water challenges.
- CMWSS Board was given the Global water leaders award for the various initiatives taken to manage the acute water scarcity brought in by two years of successive drought in the year 2014.
- During the year 2014, Chennai received deficit rainfall for the second consecutive year and reservoir levels were very low at 25% of the capacity.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister reviewed the situation and took many decisions to meet the situation. The decisions taken by the Hon'ble

Chief Minister were immediately implemented on a war footing by CMWSSB. These were coupled with necessary field inspections and monitoring which ensured that the drought was managed successfully during the year 2013-2014

The various decisions of the Hon'ble Chief Minister are:

1. Commissioning of 100 MLD Desalination Plant at Nemmeli on 22.02.2013.

2. Creation of new ground water sources in the well fields at Tamaraipakkam, Minjur and Poondi.

3. Creation of facilities for tapping water from Neyveli Lignite Mines at Paravanar and Mine IA.

4. Rain Water Harvesting.

5. Supply of treated water to industries.

6. Approval for establishment of two 45 MLD Tertiary Treated Reverse Osmosis Plants at Koyambedu and Kodungaiyur.

7. Water supply through GPS enabled water tankers.

8. Modernized SMS based 24x7 Call Centre for grievance redressal.

✶ These decisions of the Hon'ble Chief Minister have now been globally recognized. The efforts by CMWSSB resulted in successfully managing the drought in Chennai city during the year 2013-2014. For this achievement CMWSSB has been awarded the "Global Water Leaders Award-2015".

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# 11. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

- **Central Board of Irrigation and Power (CBIP) Award** for excellence in Integrated Water Resources Management presented on CBIP Day, 2015 (01.01.2015) to Water Resources Organisation, PWD Tamil Nadu by the Government of India.

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# 12. RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYAT RAJ DEPARTMENT

## Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme

### 2011 – 2012

- Out of the 7 Districts selected by Government of India, 2 Districts from Tamil Nadu, viz., Thanjavur and Tiruchirappalli bagged the **Best Performing District Awards** at National Level.
- Kadambadi Village Panchayat, Sulur Panchayat Union from Coimbatore District was one among the 11 Village Panchayats from all over the Country that was selected for the **Best Village Panchayat Award**.

### 2012 – 2013

- State Award had been initiated for the first time in 3 categories for the year 2012-2013. Out of these, Tamil Nadu has bagged the **Best Performing State Award** in the category of Social Inclusion. Further, Tamil Nadu was the only State to have been awarded under this category.
- During the year 2012-2013, the **Best Performing District Award** at National level was given to Nilgiris District under the category of "Substantial Enhancement of Employment Opportunities in a Plantation Economy".

- ✶ Thanikkottagam Village Panchayat, Vedaranyam Panchayat Union of Nagapattinam District had been awarded as the Best Village Panchayat along with 10 other Village Panchayats at the National Level.

### 2013 – 2014

- ✶ During the year 2013-2014, the **Best District Award** at National Level was given to Theni District under the category of "Effective initiative in implementation of MGNREGS under convergence with other schemes".
- ✶ Out of the 9 Awards given to the best Village Panchayats in the implemetation of MGNREGS, F.Keelaiyur Village Panchayat of Manapparai Panchayat Union in Tiruchirappalli District was one among them from Tamil Nadu.

## Panchayat Raj

- ✶ Award under Panchayat Sashaktikaran Puraskar (PSP) earlier known as PEAIS.
- ✶ The Ministry of Panchayat Raj, Government of India has constituted an award under Panchayat Sashaktikaran Puraskar (PSP), earlier known as PEAIS, to Panchayat Raj Institutions with a view to support, encourage and facilitate the State to devolve more functions, functionaries and finances to the Panchayats and build their capacities.

**2012 – 2013**

- ✶ The Ministry of Panchayat Raj, Government of India has given award to 6 best Village Panchayats, 2 best Panchayat Unions and one District Panchayat with a cash prize of Rs.1.22 crore to the Panchayat Raj Institutions alloting of Rs.7 lakh for Village Panchayat, Rs.20 lakh for each Panchayat Union and Rs.40 lakh for each District Panchayat for the year 2012-2013.

## Award winning PRIs for the year 2012-2013

1. Tiruchirappalli District Panchayat, Tiruchirappalli
2. Annagramam Panchayat Union, Cuddalore
3. Cheyyar Panchayat Union, Tiruvannamalai
4. Papparambakkam Village Panchayat, Tiruvallur
5. Nattarmangalam Village Panchayat, Cuddalore
6. Thindamangalam Village Panchayat, Salem
7. Esanatham Village Panchayat, Karur
8. G.Kallupatty Village Panchayat, Theni
9. Pethureddipatti Village Panchayat, Virudhunagar

**2013 – 2014**

- ✶ The Ministry of Panchayat Raj, Government of India has selected the best 6 Village Panchayats, 2 Panchayat Unions and 1 District Panchayat for the award for 2013-2014 alloting Rs.8 lakh for Village Panchayat, Rs.25 lakh for Panchayat Union and Rs.50 lakh for District Panchayat.

## Award winning PRIs for the year 2013-2014

1. Thanjavur District Panchayat, Thanjavur
2. Dindigul Panchayat Union, Dindigul
3. Cheranmadevi Panchayat Union, Tirunelveli
4. Nallur Village Panchayat, Tirunelveli
5. Munnur Village Panchayat, Villupuram
6. Orakadu Village Panchayat, Tiruvallur
7. Nallamanaickanpatti Village Panchayat, Virudhunagar
8. Bellarampalli Village Panchayat, Krishnagiri
9. M.Kolakudi Village Panchayat, Cuddalore

## Rashtriya Gaurav Grama Sabha Puraskar

- The Ministry of Panchayat Raj, Government of India has constituted the **Rashtriya Gaurav Grama Sabha Award** from the year 2012 with a view to recognize and encourage the Gram Panchayats for outstanding performance through effective Grama Sabha. For the year 2011-2012, Nedungunam Village Panchayat of Peranamallur Block in Thiruvannamalai District was awarded by the Ministry of Panchayat Raj, Government of India with a cash prize of Rs.10 lakh. For the year 2012-2013, Karuthanenthal Village Panchayat of Bogalur Block in Ramanathapuram District has been selected by the Ministry of Panchayat Raj, Government of India for the Award with a cash prize of Rs.10 lakh.

## National e-Panchayat Puraskar

- The Ministry of Panchayat Raj annually recognizes the performance of States / UTs that demonstrate significant progress in the implementation of Central and State Government initiatives on e-Panchayat applications, including PRIAsoft (Panchayat Raj Institutions Accounting Software), through the annual e-Panchayat Puraskars. Tamil Nadu has won the third prize under National e-Panchayat Puraskar with a Cash Prize of Rs.20 lakh for the year 2014-2015.

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# 13. SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

- During the World Literacy Day on 8th September 2013, His Excellency the President of India has selected Ariyalur District as best performing District in India for promoting Female Literacy. The Collector, Ariyalur District received the award in New Delhi on 08.09.2013.
- The President of India has also selected Kuppandampalayam village in Andhiyur Block, Erode District as best performing Grama Panchayat in India for promoting adult literacy. The Village Panchayat President Tmt. K. Karuppayee received the award in New Delhi on 08.09.2013.

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# 14. SOCIAL WELFARE AND NUTRITIOUS MEAL PROGRAMME DEPARTMENT

## National Child Award for Exceptional Achievement, 2014

* The award carries cash prize of Rs.10,000/-, a Silver Medal and a Certificate issued to (i) Master S.Vinod Kannan, S/o. Shri S.Sathasivam, Periyar Nagar, Suthamali, Tamil Nadu and (ii) Master S.Arjun, S/o. Shri B.Santhosh Kumar, Korattur, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

## National Co-operative Development Corporation Award, 2012

* Ms. Annai Indira Manufacturing Women Weaning Food Co-operative Society, Salem has received "National Co-operative Development Corporation Award 2012" with a cash prize of Rs.50,000/-, a Memento and a Certificate of Recognition for Co-operative Excellence from His Excellency, the President of India on 08.12.2012.

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# 15. TAMIL DEVELOPMENT & INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

- ✶ Department of Information and Public Relations participated in the Republic Day Pageantry of Floats - 2014 (Presentation of Tableaux) and bagged the Second Prize from the Ministry of Defence, Government of India.

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# 16. TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

## Guinness record by conducting Largest Blood Donation Camp

- The blood donation camp organised by the Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation as part of the Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa's 66th Birthday Celebration has set the Guinness World Record for being the largest such event conducted at multiple venues.
- As many as 53,129 people donated blood in Chennai, Villupuram, Vellore, Salem, Coimbatore, Karur, Tiruchi, Kumbakonam, Madurai and Tirunelveli on February 14, 2014. At the time 18,439.28 litres of blood was collected.
- A representative of the Guinness World Record while awarding the certificate to the Government in Chennai has said: "It is my great honour and pleasure to be here today in Chennai to award an official Guinness World Record Certificate for the World Record for conducting the largest blood donation camp at multiple venues in honour of Selvi J Jayalalithaa, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu".
- ASRTU Award 2011-2012 was given to MTC for Highest performance in vehicle productivity in Urban category for the 4th consecutive year.
- ASRTU Award 2011-2012 was given to SETC for Highest performance in vehicle productivity (Effective KMs per vehicle per day - Mofussil Services).

- ASRTU Award 2011-2012 was given to SETC for Highest KMPL in fuel efficiency (Mofussil services) Group IV / STUs having fleet strength of 1,000.
- ASRTU Award 2011-2012 was given to TNSTC, Villupuram for Highest KMPL in fuel efficiency (Mofussil services) Group III - STUs having fleet strength of 1,001-4,000.
- ASRTU Award 2011-2012 was given to TNSTC, Villupuram for Highest performance in vehicle productivity (Mofussil services).
- ASRTU Award 2011-2012 was given to TNSTC, Salem for Highest tyre performance (New tyres consumed per lakh effective KMs - Mofussil services).
- ASRTU Award 2011-2012 was given to TNSTC, Salem for maximum improvement in vehicle productivity (Effective KMs per vehicle per day - Mofussil services).
- ASRTU Award 2011-2012 was given to TNSTC, Coimbatore for maximum improvement in KMPL - Urban service - Coimbatore city.
- ASRTU Award 2011-2012 was given to TNSTC, Coimbatore for maximum improvement in KMPL - Mofussil services.
- ASRTU Award 2011-2012 was given to TNSTC, Kumbakonam for minimum operational cost award (without the elemant of tax - Mofussil services) - Group III - STU having fleet strength between 1,001 and 4,000.

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# 17. WELFARE OF DIFFERENTLY ABLED PERSONS DEPARTMENT

- National Awards for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (PwD), 2013 under the category "Best State in promoting Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities" received on 03.12.2013.

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# 18. YOUTH WELFARE AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

- Arjuna Award was given to Dipika Pallikal for 2012 Squash, Joshna Chinnappa for 2013 Squash, Ranjith Maheswari for 2014 Athletics, Ravichandran Ashwin for 2014 Cricket and Anaka Alankamony for 2014 Squash.
- National Youth Awards were given to J. Somu, Vellore for 2012-2013, E. Deenadayalan, Chennai for 2013-2014, and R. Shanmugam, Cuddalore for 2013-2014.

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